

APPENDIX "B"

DISCUSSION

1. H.R. Bill 6448, which is expected to reach the House floor for consideration in the near future, provides for the establishment of a National Science Foundation as an independent Government agency.

2. The proposed Foundation is to initiate and support American scientific research and development through contracts, grants and other forms of assistance, to correlate its own programs with those undertaken by public and private research groups, to foster national and international exchange of scientific information, and to develop and promote a national policy for scientific research and scientific education.

3. The main provisions of H.R. 6448 are summarized as follows:

a. The powers and duties of the Foundation are to be exercised by a Board of nine members appointed by the President with consent of the Senate for a term of four years, plus the chairmen of the divisional committees (See paragraph 3.b. below). A Director is appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Board and with the consent of the Senate. The Director may appoint two Deputy Directors.

b. Provision is made for five divisions initially and three additional divisions may be created by the Board as it deems necessary. Each division, except the National Defense Division, is to have a directing committee of at least five members appointed by the Board after receiving recommendations from the National Academy of Sciences. The committee for the National Defense Division is to have up to forty members, one-half of whom shall be civilians, the remaining one-half to be equally divided between the War and Navy Departments. Chairmen of division committees are elected by the committees. The attached chart (Annex "A") shows the functional structure.

c. The Foundation is authorized to award scholarships and fellowships for scientific study or work in any field of science at nonprofit

institutions of higher learning in the United States or abroad. A central register of scientific and technical personnel is to be maintained. Research contracts with individuals or organizations entered into by the Foundation are to provide for control of patents in accordance with the public interest and the equities of the individual or organization. At least fifteen percent of the appropriated funds must be spent on research and developments related to the national defense. The Foundation, with consent of the President and through the Department of State, may cooperate in international research.

4. For C.I.O. the proposed Foundation will provide a focal center for access to scientific research activities of importance for foreign intelligence. It will also provide C.I.O. with a means for presenting requests to private organizations to undertake research in scientific fields.